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Group Art Unit: 1742  
Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,215  
For: NITRIDED VALVE METALS AND  
PROCESSES FOR MAKING THE SAME  
Our Ref: 00014DIV (3600-267-02)

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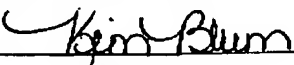
  
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**Expedited Procedure Requested  
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before June 22, 2006.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**